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1. On 1 April 1952, the Artillerie Kaserne on Friedenwalder Strasse, Eberswalde (N 53/V 08) was occupied by about 4,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank and some with artillery insignia. A total of 2 officers and 35 men in three groups were seen at instruction in the barracks yard on 25 March. Four groups totaling 76 troops armed with rifles and submachine guns marched from the installation to the training area nearby.

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2. The west section of the Schuetzen Kaserne on Bornauer Moorstrasse was occupied by a higher headquarters with numerous officers wearing tank, artillery, signal and engineer insignia and by uniformed women wearing black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia, on 2 April 1952.

On 2 April 1952, the east section of the Schuetzen Kaserne on Tranper Chaussee was occupied by about 4,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and some with artillery insignia, and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and blue-bordered black epaulets. Two M-13 rocket launchers were in the barracks yard. A total of 300 troops, who came from the two administration buildings, entered the installation on 18 March. A total of 110 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, armed with carbines and submachine guns and carrying targets, tripods and cases for periscopes, cable reels and field telephones marched from the installation to the training field. Six squads totaling 100 troops drilled with and without

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rifle in the barracks yard.

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The field kitchen was seen reentering the installation on 21 March. A total of 30 new trucks were seen at the drill ground, and 12 new trucks were seen parking in front of the barracks installation in the street on 28 March. Six groups totaling about 130 troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts and armed with rifles, submachine guns and targets marched out of the barracks installation toward the firing ranges and Trappe. A total of 90 troops were seen drilling at platoon level on the drill ground and in the barracks yard.

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3. On 19 March 1952, the Markische Elektrizitaetswerk (power station) at the Kleinbahnhof (railroad station on a secondary line) was occupied by a higher headquarters and a unit wearing red-bordered black epauletts, some with artillery insignia.

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4. Three trucks and two auxiliary fire directors were loaded at the Oberswalde freight station.

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5. The AA emplacement at the Westend School was equipped with six 85-mm AA guns on 23 March 1952. Five officers and about 80 troops practiced firing with live ammunition with rifles at the emplacement.

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6. On 27 March 1952, the Schuetzen Kaserne on Bernauer Hoerstrasse was occupied by 4,000 to 5,000 troops wearing red-bordered black and blue-bordered black epauletts including some with signal insignia. On 24 March, 20 x 160-mm mortars, which were cleaned by about 150 troops, were parked in front of the garages in the eastern section of the barracks installation. Two officers and 35 troops wearing blue-bordered black epauletts with signal insignia.

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7. On 26 March 1952, the western section of the Artillerie Kaserne on Freienwalder Strasse was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts with artillery or motor transport insignia. The eastern section of the installation quartered about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts with tank insignia.

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General Kottov (fnu) of the artillery, Schmetsen Kaserne; Colonel (Stepanovski) (fnu), senior court officer; and Colonel Kottcov (sic), first political officer. All these officers were stationed in Morswalde.

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9. On 21 March 1952, 8 x 37-mm AA guns were seen in the gun shed of the Britz Wood Camp, 4 km north of Morswalde, and 8 other AA guns of the same caliber were north of the gun shed. Aiming practice was performed on the latter guns. Between 60 and 70 trucks were parked at the parking lot. About 25 of these trucks mounted AA machine guns. *

10. On 24 March 1952, the Dusterwinkel-Bruecke hutment on the south bank of the Hohenzollern Canal was occupied by a unit wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. There was no activity and only a few soldiers were seen in the hutment. Truck [redacted] occupied by 1 officer and 1 EM wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia and carrying a pneumatic boat drove on Britzer Strasse toward the camp. ***

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11. The AA emplacement near the Wisenspalterei gasoline dump was unoccupied on 24 March 1952. A total of 25 EM wearing black-bordered black epaulets [redacted] were seen constructing a telephone line from this AA emplacement through the Waldeslust ammunition dump along the north bank of the Hohenzollern Canal as far as the Eckard settlement on 12 March 1952. *

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25X1 * [redacted] Comment. There are no essential changes regarding the installations mentioned in paragraph 2 of the present report since the last information [redacted]
 25X1 The 160-mm mortars seen at the Schmetsen Kaserne were not previously reported. As the headquarters and army troops of the Fourth Gds Heer Army are stationed in that installation and as, according to T/E, the army has no mortars, it is probable that source was mistaken. Possibly
 25X1 a mortar regiment not belonging to the installation was temporarily staying there. Except for Obukhov (fnu), who is carried as lieutenant general and commanding general of the Fourth Gds Heer Army until late March 1952, all officers mentioned are unknown.

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*** [redacted] Comment. The Dusterwinkel-Bruecke hutment is occupied by army engineers of the Fourth Gds Heer Army. [redacted]
 25X1 Only a few soldiers were in the hutment because the unit had moved to Altruppin in late February 1952 to participate in practices at Neumuehler Schlouse which were still under way in mid-March 1952. [redacted]
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